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¶1. (SBU) According to Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Burma Desk Officer Chrystal Waddington, Canada fully agrees with the U.S. view (reftel) that the international community should continue to make clear to Burmese authorities that further assistance will depend on full access, transparency, and accountability. Waddington confirmed that Canada remains committed to pressuring Burma to provide unhindered access and to demonstrate greater transparency and promised that Canada would closely study the revised UN appeal for humanitarian assistance that the UN plans to release o/a July 10.

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